

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are currently pending in the application. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 4. Applicants request reconsideration of the application in light of the following remarks.

Objections to the Specification

The specification has been objected to for containing informalities. Applicants have amended the specification to address the Examiner's concerns and have removed the phrase "The present invention" from the Abstract. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the specification.

Indication of Condition for Allowance

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the indication of condition for allowance for the above referenced application but for the few formal matters. Applicants believe that all formal matters have been resolved, that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully request the same.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-7 stand rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 112. In accordance with this rejection, the claims have been amended to comply with the examiner's suggestions and are now believed to conform with Section 112. Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 be withdrawn.

Confirmation of Allowed Claims

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his confirmation of the patentable subject matter of claims 1-7.

Regarding Doctrine of Equivalents

Applicants hereby declare that any amendments herein that are not specifically made for the purpose of patentability are made for other purposes, such as clarification, and that no such changes shall be construed as limiting the scope of the claims or the application of the Doctrine of Equivalents.

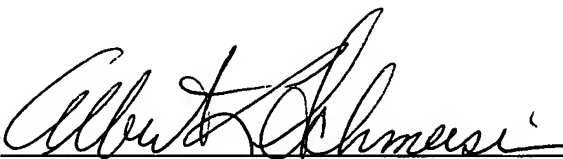
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If any fees, including extension of time fees or additional claims fees, are due as a result of this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0513. This authorization is intended to act as a constructive petition for an extension of time, should an extension of time be needed as a result of this response. The examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if this would in any way advance the prosecution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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